

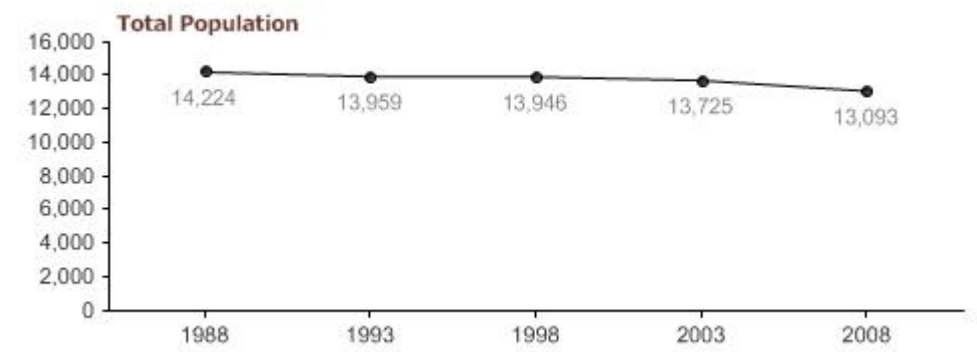
# Blackford County, IN Highlights

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## Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	14,224	13,959	13,946	13,725	13,093
Change Since 1988		-265	-278	-499	-1,131
Pct. Change Since 1988		-1.9%	-2.0%	-3.5%	-8.0%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-75
International Migration	0
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	-10
Births	140
Deaths	150

Components of Change

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International Migration	0
Natural Increase	-10

Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Age in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	723	5.5%
School Age	2,252	17.1%
College Age	858	6.5%
Young Adult	3,478	26.4%
Older Adult	3,710	28.1%
Older (65 plus)	2,168	16.4%

Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	54	0.4%
Asian Alone	26	0.2%
Black Alone	54	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	0	0.0%
White Alone	12,950	98.2%
Two or More Race Groups	105	0.8%

Population by Race



### Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	13,071	99.1%
Hispanic or Latino	118	0.9%

Source: US Census Bureau

### Households in 2000

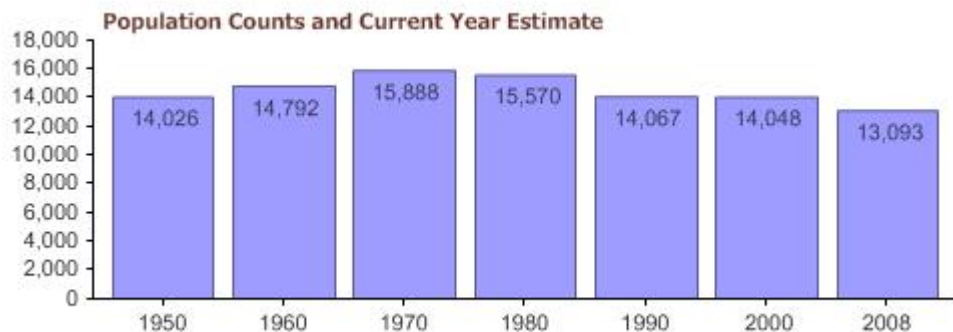
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	5,690	100.0%
Family Households	4,029	70.8%
Married with Children	1,264	22.2%
Married without Children	1,967	34.6%
Single Parents	488	8.6%
Other	310	5.4%
Non-family Households	1,661	29.2%
Living Alone	1,472	25.9%
Average Household Size	2.46	
Average Family Household Size	3.48	

Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical	Pct. Chg.
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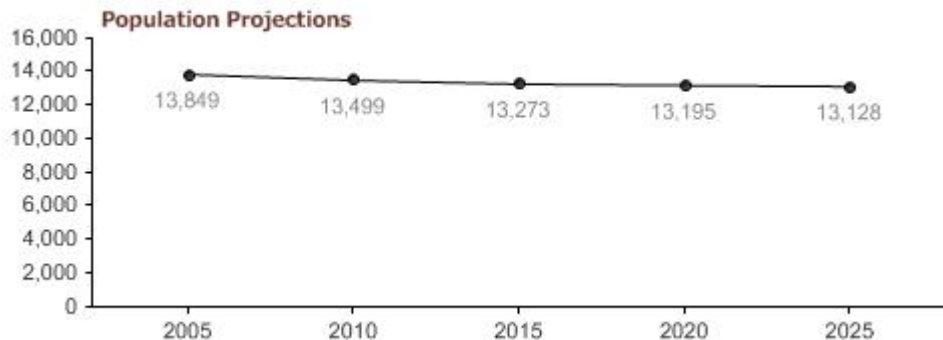
		Chg.	
1950	14,026	NA	NA
1960	14,792	766	5.5%
1970	15,888	1,096	7.4%
1980	15,570	-318	-2.0%
1990	14,067	-1,503	-9.7%
April 2000	14,048	-19	-0.1%
2008	13,093	-955	-6.8%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Population Projections

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
<b>Population Projections</b>	13,849	13,499	13,273	13,195	13,128
<b>Change Since 2005</b>		-350	-576	-654	-721
<b>Pct. Change Since 2005</b>		-2.5%	-4.2%	-4.7%	-5.2%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center